

# Chicago Better Streets for Buses (Bus Priority Network Plan)

UWP Committee Update  
February 10, 2021



# Project Overview

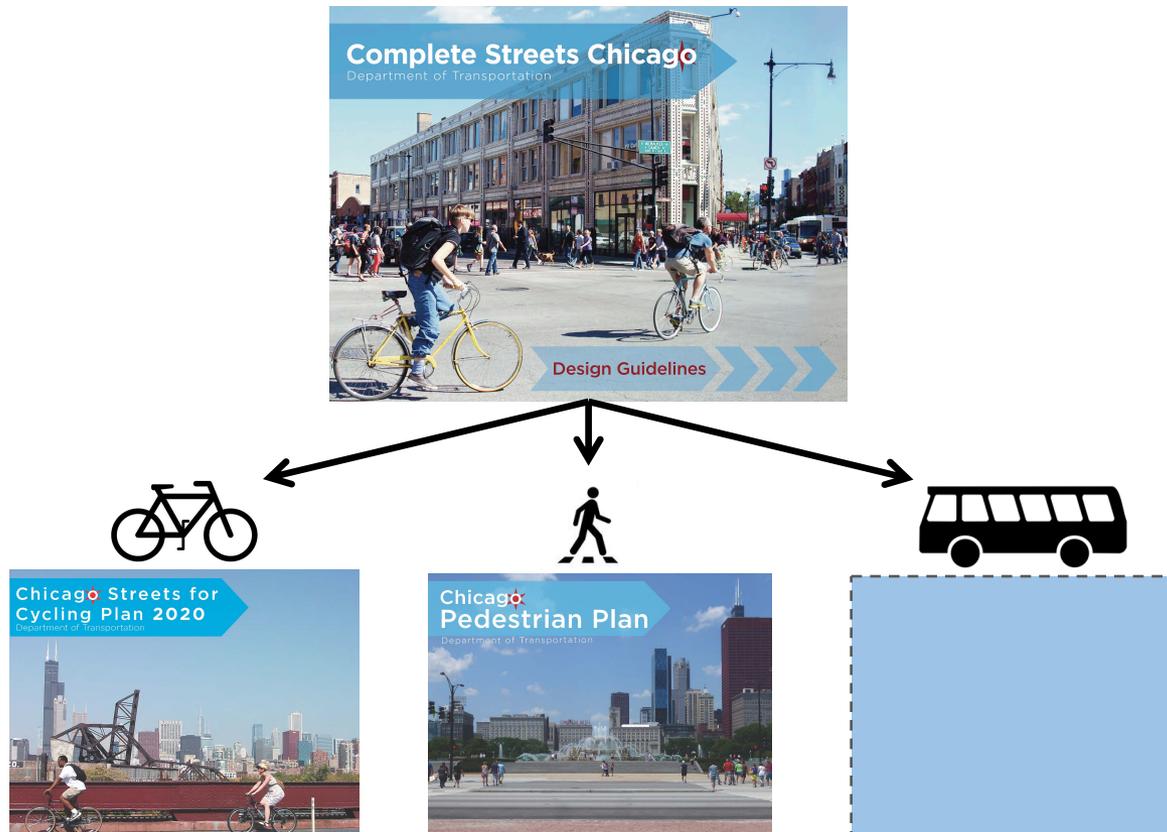
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- CTA and CDOT collaboration
- Project Components
  - Robust community outreach to guide the plan and improvements.
  - Identify a citywide network of streets for prioritizing buses.
  - Toolbox of street treatments that can reduce bus travel times and improve bus passenger experience.



# Background

The Better Streets for Buses Plan will complete the CDOT suite of Complete Streets guiding documents.



# Progress to Date

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- CTA and CDOT have identified the initial Better Streets for Buses network and treatments for the toolbox.
- Preparing to launch a robust public engagement process to provide information about the draft network and toolbox, listen to the goals and needs of the community, and build support for a vision that benefits the City as a whole.

# Communications Materials In Development

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- Fact Sheet
- Network Map
- Toolbox of Treatments
- Interactive Website (Bang the Table)
- Micro Video
- Social Media Strategy



# Public Outreach

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- Stakeholder Interviews – Completed
- City-Wide Advisory Committee- Upcoming
- Aldermanic Briefings- Upcoming
  
- Covid-19 forced a re-evaluation of the project Public Outreach strategy.
  - In-person meetings were turned into virtual meetings
  - Roll Out of public-facing materials and public meetings- Spring 2021

# Next Steps

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- Compile and **synthesize public feedback.**
- Revise network and toolbox to **produce a Final Bus Priority Network Plan** that lays out a comprehensive city-wide strategy
- CDOT and CTA will work together on future implementation
  - BSB Plan will not assign treatments to specific corridors; that will be undertaken in future corridor-specific planning studies.

# UWP- Project Initiation

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From UWP Committee recommendation of grant award to Project Kickoff took 11+ months.

- CTA and CDOT could start a lot of the procurement process before the Executed Funding Agreement was in hand.
- CTA utilized our blanket contract (General Planning Contract).

# UWP- Project Initiation

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UWP Committee Recommendation	March 2019
Scope Development (w/ CDOT) & Task Order Documents	May – July 2019
Task Order sent to Purchasing Dept.	8/2/2019
Procurement- Open Bid Window	9/10 – 9/25 2019
Proposal Review	9/27 – 10/4 2019
Contractor Negotiations	October-December 2019
Executed CMAP Funding Agreement	December 2019
Consultant Task Order Executed	2/4/20
Project Kickoff Meeting	Late February 2020

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- Procurement Time Line
- Inter-Agency Partnership